

2012 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

This year's National Black History Month theme is "Black Women in American History and Culture." The Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management Division (EODM) has compiled a listing of local events and cultural programs that are being held in observance of National Black History Month. Events are free and open to the public.

African American History Month Family Day National Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., Saturday, February 18, 2012, 12 – 3pm, discover the struggles and achievements of African Americans in the postal service with family activities. Design a stamp honoring your heritage hero, make a stamp collection, and sort mail in the Railway Post Office! Meet sixth grader Jackson Davis V who was inspired by a school project to begin a campaign to honor York, an enslaved African American who traveled with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, on a US postage stamp. For more information call 202-633-5555.

Unforgettable: Nat "King" Cole, the Man and His Music

Portrait Gallery, 8th and F. St. N.W., Monday, February 20, 2012, 7pm. The museum marks Black History Month with a celebration of the life and music of Nat "King" Cole featuring actor/vocalist Michael McElroy, with script and narration by Jewell Robinson. Free, but reservations recommended. For more information call 202-633-8520.

Diaspora Grooves

African Art Museum, 950 Independence Ave. S.W., Saturday, February 25, 2012, 3pm. Haitian American violinist and composer Daniel Bernard Roumain (a.k.a. DBR) premieres a new work for solo violin and electronics. Inspired by Ousmane Sow's powerful sculpture *Toussaint Louverture et la vieille esclave*, DBR is joined by Lord Jamar, legendary emcee, producer, actor, and director and member of the hip-hop group Brand Nubian. For more information call 202-633-4751.

NASA HQ Black History Month Program

Wilbur J. Cohen Building Auditorium, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. All Headquarters employees are invited to attend this year's program featuring keynote speaker, A'Lelia Bundles, great-great-granddaughter and author of "On Her Own Ground, The Life and Times of Madame C. J. Walker," a New York Times Bestseller. Ms. Bundles has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, BBC, NPR and C-Span Book TV. The event is sponsored by the Southwest Interagency Committee Partnership.

WETA Programs

In celebration of Black History Month WETA will present a special line up of television programs, throughout the month of February, highlighting the culture and diversity of African Americans. View the program listing at <http://www.weta.org/tv/picks/special/blackhistory>.